

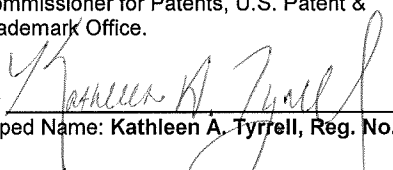
RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116
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Dear Sir:

Reply with Request for Continued Examination

This reply is responsive to the Final Rejection mailed October 17, 2008 setting a three (3) month statutory period for response. A Petition for a three (3) month extension of time and the requisite fee are provided herewith. Also provided herewith is a request for continued examination and the requisite fee. Please enter the following amendments, remarks and Declaration by Dr. Robert Wolfert into the record.

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The pending claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

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Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace line 1 of page 33 with the following:

~~Table 4.10~~ Table 4.12

Please replace line 9 of page 33 with the following:

~~Table 4.11~~ Table 4.13

Please replace the paragraph beginning at line 4 of page 34 with the following:

Cox regression analysis was performed on a variety of subpopulations with traditional risk factors. Specifically, hypertension, diabetes and smoking were examined either alone or in combination. The results show that the highest Lp-PLA2 tertile conferred a dramatic increase in risk for the diabetic subpopulation in the LDL<130 group. See Figures 10 and 11 and ~~table 4.12 below~~ table 4.14.

Please replace line 10 of page 34 with the following:

~~Table 4.12~~ Table 4.14